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SUBJECT: SHANKILL WELCOME FOR PEACE MARCHERS BUT  
VIOLENCE CONTINUES

REF: BELFAST 300

1. AT LEAST 30,000 PEOPLE DEMONSTRATED FOR PEACE IN BELFAST  
AUGUST 28 WITH MARCH ALONG SHANKILL ROAD AND RALLY AT  
WOODVALE PARK. THERE WERE NO RPT NO UNPLEASANT INCIDENTS  
ON SHANKILL BUT CONTINGENT OF WOMEN FROM ANDERSONSTOWN AND FALLS  
WAS HECKLED AND PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED BY CROWD OF REPUBLICAN  
TEENAGERS IN LOWER FALLS. THIS THIRD RALLY INCLUDED  
PROPORTIONALLY MORE MEN. COUNTER-RALLY LED BY PROVISIONAL  
SINN FEIN VICE PRESIDENT MAIRE DRUMM ATTRACTED LESS THAN  
100 SPECTATORS.

2. IRA AND LOYALIST TERRORISTS CONTINUE ACTIVE WITH AT  
LEAST FIVE SHOOTING ATTACKS ON ARMY AND POLICE SINCE AUGUST  
27 AND NO-WARNING BOMBS IN GLENGORMLEY PUB AND A WORKING  
MEN'S CLUB WHITEABBEY AREA AUGUST 28. THERE MORE MOLOTOV COCKTAILS  
ON CATHOLIC HOUSES. TWO SOLDIERS WOUNDED BY SNIPERS LURGAN  
AND ONE EX-SOLDIER SHOT AND WOUNDED IN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT  
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AT HOUSE BELFAST.

3. FOUR OTHER BUSINESS PREMISES DOWNTOWN BELFAST DESTROYED BY EXPLOSIVES AND INCENDIARIES SINCE AUGUST 27. PROVISIONAL IRA SEEMS TO BE INTENT ON DEMONSTRATING THAT WHILE POPULAR SUPPORT IS DECLINING, ABILITY TO CAUSE DESTRUCTION IS UNIMPEDED.

4. FOR DUBLIN:

THERE VERY LITTLE OVERT SPECULATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND AS TO WHAT GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR WEEK-END INCENDIARY BOMBINGS IN DUBLIN. THERE CONSENSUS HERE HOWEVER THAT BOMBINGS INTENDED INFLUENCE DEBATE IN DAIL ON EMERGENCY LEGISLATION. THERE LATE NEWS AUGUST 31 FIVE NORTHERN IRELAND PEOPLE FROM PORTADOWN APPREHENDED BY GARDAI NEAR BORDER BUT REASON FOR GARDAI ACTION NOT GIVEN. CONGEN NOTES PRESS DESCRIPTIONS OF INCENDIARIES USED DUBLIN REFER TO SMALL DEVICES SIZE OF CIGARETTE PACKS. THESE MAY BE SO-CALLED "CASSETTE" DEVICES WHICH UP TO NOW IN NORTH, USED EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVISIONAL IRA.

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